



Civic Loop

Promoting Recycling through Community Leadership



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This Holiday: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Buy Local.

Holiday Recycling Slide Collection Schedule

Christmas Day and New Year's Day Collection Schedule

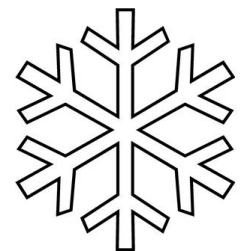
Since both Christmas Day and New Year's Day fall on a Sunday, there are no changes to County-provided recycling or refuse collection services. Normal collections will be made the week before Christmas, the week between Christmas and New Year's Day and the week after New Year's Day.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday (Monday, January 16, 2012)

If your collection date is:	Your collection day this week is:
Monday, January 16, 2012	Tuesday, January 17, 2012
Tuesday, January 17, 2012	Wednesday, January 18, 2012
Wednesday, January 18, 2012	Thursday, January 19, 2012
Thursday, January 19, 2012	Friday, January 20, 2012
Friday, January 20, 2012	Saturday, January 21, 2012

Place your recycling containers at the curb by 7 a.m. on your recycling collection day. For more information on the holiday collection slide schedule, visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling.

It's hard to believe that another year is coming to an end. Soon we will be gathering with friends, co-workers, neighbors and family to celebrate the holiday season and ring in 2012. Between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day, Americans generate more trash during these few weeks than during any other time of the year. There are creative ways we can reduce our impact on the environment and support our local economy at the same time. This holiday season, remember to recycle things that can be recycled in Montgomery County and buy products locally produced that are made with recycled materials. What else can you do? Read page three of this newsletter for some great environmentally-friendly tips for hosting holiday parties and gift giving. This holiday season, have fun and help the environment at the same time.



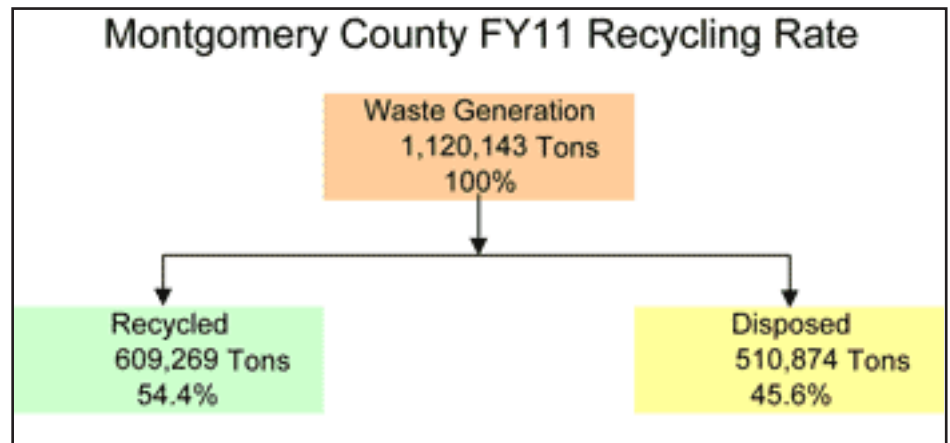
Please share the information in this issue of the Civic Loop newsletter with others in your community. Feel free to forward copies of this newsletter to your community listservs or post links to the information contained in the newsletter (or from the Division's website) directly on your community website. If you have additional questions or would like more information about recycling or waste reduction tips during the holiday season, please visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling. Thank you in advance for sharing this information with others in your community and have a safe and happy holiday season!

Sincerely,

Recycling Coordinator

Recycling Achievement Increases in Montgomery County

Montgomery County recently released its Fiscal Year 2011 recycling data. While the overall amount of trash generated in Montgomery County increased slightly in Fiscal Year 2011 (July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011) as compared to the previous two years, the amount of materials recycled by residents, multi-family properties and businesses increased even more. In fact, a total of 609,269 tons of materials were recycled last fiscal year. As a result, the County's overall recycling rate increased to 54.4 percent in FY11. Keep up the great work Montgomery County!



Thanks for Making America Recycles Day a Success!



Montgomery County residents supported America Recycles Day 2011 by participating in paper shredding and recycling, and reusable clothing and household goods donation collection events during the weekend of November 19-20, 2011.

A total of 1,048 vehicles drove through the event sites and brought 40,120 pounds of confidential paper for shredding and recycling as well as 1,410 pounds of cardboard for recycling. That's a total of 41,530 pounds or nearly 20.8 tons of paper recycled in just two days, the equivalent of 353 trees!!

Residents also donated enough clothing and household goods to fill five large trucks full of materials to donate to organizations who provide support to local residents. What a great example of reuse and waste reduction - all while supporting our neighbors.



Environmentally-Friendly Holiday Tips on Reducing Waste

Holiday Entertaining:

- Use reusable plates, cups, mugs, flatware and napkins instead of disposables.
- Send leftovers home with guests in reusable containers with lids.
- Purchase food and drinks in bulk and concentrate form to reduce packaging waste.
- Make festive decorations out of materials found around the house.
- Recycle all glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles, containers, jars, tubs, lids/caps, pails, buckets, and flower pots, aluminum cans and foil products and metal cans. Also recycle all paper and cardboard, as well as greenery.



Gift Giving:

- Gift cards make an ideal gift. There's very little waste and your family and friends can purchase items they need.
- Consider alternative gift-giving ideas: tickets to sporting events, concerts and movies.
- Save on gift wrap by using gift bags or baskets that can be reused over and over again. Don't forget to use the wrapping paper, bows and ribbons you saved last year.
- When shopping, consolidate trips and bring reusable bags.
- Purchase and use rechargeable batteries for toys and other electronic gadgets.

Reduce Unwanted Mail:

- Remove your name from commercial mailing lists. Visit www.DMAchoice.org for more information.

Christmas Tree Recycling

The Montgomery County Division of Solid Waste Services will be collecting Christmas trees for weekly curbside recycling collection beginning on Monday, December 26, 2011 and continuing through Friday, February 3, 2012. Residents should place their entire Christmas tree at the curb no later than 7:00 a.m. on their normal recycling collection day.

Here are some tips regarding our Christmas Tree recycling program:

- * Please remove the stand and all decorations, including lights, ornaments, tinsel, and garland. Make sure there is no metal attached to the tree.
- * Trees cannot be left at the curb in plastic bags.
- * "Live" Christmas trees with root balls and artificial trees cannot be collected as part of this recycling program.

After February 3, 2012, Christmas trees may be recycled through the County's yard trim recycling collection program, meaning that residents must first cut the tree into smaller lengths. For more information about the Christmas tree recycling program or the County's yard trim recycling program, visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling or call 3-1-1.



Recycle Old Holiday Lights

Visit montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling and click on "holiday light string recycling" to learn more about opportunities to recycle old, unwanted holiday lights. Please note that holiday lights are not accepted for recycling through the County's curbside recycling program.



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Montgomery County Division of Solid Waste Services

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Important Contact Information

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Website: www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling
Customer Service: 3-1-1
(240) 777-0311 (outside Montgomery County)
(240) 773-3556 (TTY)
www.montgomerycountymd.gov/311

County Transfer Station
(240) 777-6560

County Recycling Center
(301) 417-1433

This information is available in an alternate format by
calling Alan Pultyniewicz at (240) 777-6480.



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Sign-up to receive email notifications regarding any changes to Montgomery County's recycling programs or services. Visit the Division of Solid Waste Services website at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling and enter in your email address to receive pertinent reminders and notifications.

Holiday Hours for Solid Waste Facilities

Please note the following holiday schedule changes for the Montgomery County Shady Grove Processing Facility and Transfer Station located at 16101/16105 Frederick Road, Derwood:



Saturday, December 24, 2011:

Administrative offices closed all day;
Normal facility drop-off operations
(7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.).

Sunday, December 25, 2011:

Administrative offices and facility drop-offs closed.

Monday, December 26, 2011:

Administrative offices closed;
Normal facility drop-off operations
(7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.).

Saturday, December 31, 2011:

Administrative offices closed all day;
Normal facility drop-off operations
(7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.).

Sunday, January 1, 2012:

Administrative offices and facility drop-offs closed.

Monday, January 2, 2012:

Administrative offices closed;
Normal facility drop-off operations
(7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.).



Visit our website at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling for a full listing of schedule changes for the holiday season.